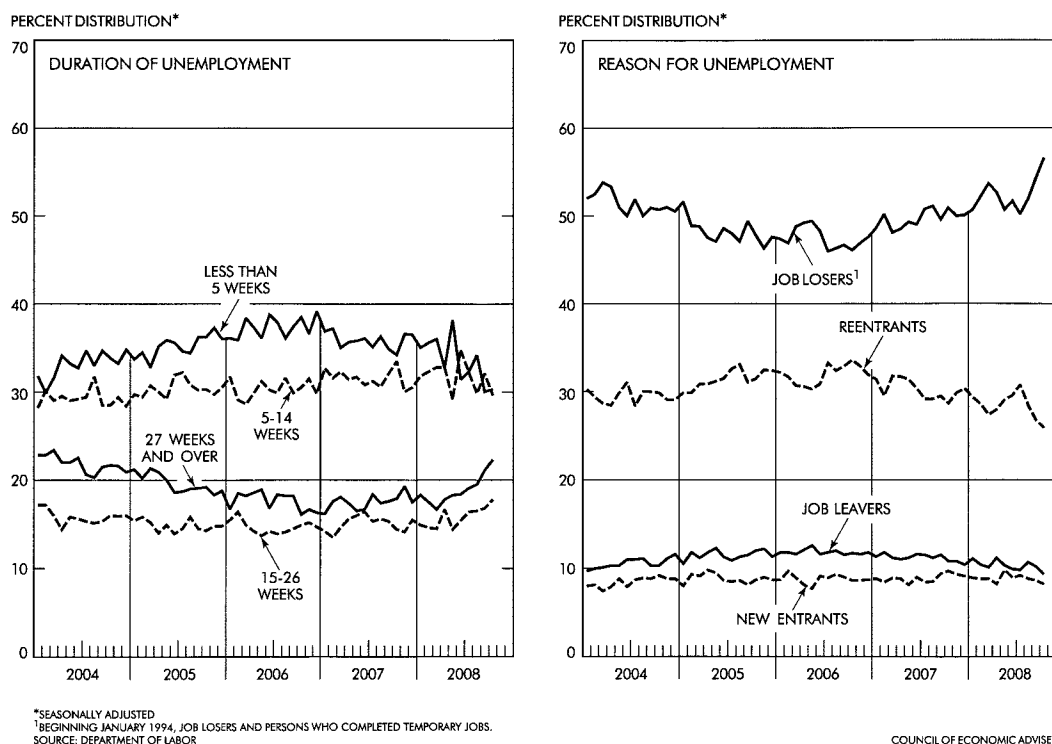


SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In October, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks, for 15–26 weeks and for 27 weeks and over rose; the percentage for 5–14 weeks fell. The mean duration of unemployment rose to 19.7 weeks and the median duration rose to 10.6 weeks.



[Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

| Period | Un-employment (thous- ands) | Duration of unemployment | | | | | | Reason for unemployment: percent distribution | | | | State programs | | Insured unem- ployment, all regular programs (unadjust- ed) ² |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--------|--|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| | | Percent distribution | | | | Number of weeks | | Job los- ers ¹ | Job leav- ers | Reen- trants | New en- trants | Insured unem- plov- ment | Initial claims | |
| | | Less than 5 weeks | 5–14 weeks | 15–26 weeks | 27 weeks and over | Aver- age (mean) | Median | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1998 | 6,210 | 42.2 | 31.4 | 12.3 | 14.1 | 14.5 | 6.7 | 45.5 | 11.8 | 34.3 | 8.4 | 2,222 | 321 | 2,257 |
| 1999 | 5,880 | 43.7 | 31.2 | 12.8 | 12.3 | 13.4 | 6.4 | 44.6 | 13.3 | 34.1 | 8.0 | 2,188 | 298 | 2,219 |
| 2000 | 5,692 | 44.9 | 31.9 | 11.8 | 11.4 | 12.6 | 5.9 | 44.2 | 13.7 | 34.5 | 7.6 | 2,110 | 301 | 2,141 |
| 2001 | 6,801 | 42.0 | 32.3 | 14.0 | 11.8 | 13.1 | 6.8 | 51.1 | 12.3 | 29.9 | 6.8 | 2,974 | 404 | 3,007 |
| 2002 | 8,378 | 34.5 | 30.8 | 16.3 | 18.3 | 16.6 | 9.1 | 55.0 | 10.3 | 28.3 | 6.4 | 3,585 | 407 | 3,619 |
| 2003 | 8,774 | 31.7 | 29.8 | 16.4 | 22.1 | 19.2 | 10.1 | 55.1 | 9.3 | 28.2 | 7.3 | 3,531 | 404 | 3,569 |
| 2004 | 8,149 | 33.1 | 29.2 | 15.9 | 21.8 | 19.6 | 9.8 | 51.5 | 10.5 | 29.5 | 8.4 | 2,950 | 345 | 2,995 |
| 2005 | 7,591 | 35.1 | 30.4 | 14.9 | 19.6 | 18.4 | 8.9 | 48.3 | 11.5 | 31.4 | 8.8 | 2,661 | 328 | 2,706 |
| 2006 | 7,001 | 37.3 | 30.3 | 14.7 | 17.6 | 16.8 | 8.3 | 47.4 | 11.8 | 32.0 | 8.8 | 2,476 | 313 | 2,518 |
| 2007 | 7,078 | 35.9 | 31.5 | 15.0 | 17.6 | 16.8 | 8.5 | 49.7 | 11.2 | 30.3 | 8.9 | 2,571 | 324 | 2,609 |
| 2007: Oct | 7,291 | 34.2 | 33.5 | 14.4 | 17.9 | 17.0 | 8.7 | 50.9 | 10.8 | 28.7 | 9.7 | 2,573 | 329 | 2,256 |
| Nov | 7,181 | 36.6 | 30.0 | 14.1 | 19.3 | 17.2 | 8.7 | 50.0 | 10.8 | 29.9 | 9.3 | 2,620 | 339 | 2,273 |
| Dec | 7,655 | 36.5 | 30.5 | 15.5 | 17.5 | 16.6 | 8.4 | 50.1 | 10.4 | 30.4 | 9.1 | 2,696 | 344 | 3,071 |
| 2008: Jan | 7,576 | 35.0 | 31.8 | 14.9 | 18.3 | 17.5 | 8.8 | 50.7 | 11.1 | 29.4 | 8.9 | 2,718 | 337 | 3,270 |
| Feb | 7,381 | 35.6 | 32.3 | 14.6 | 17.5 | 16.8 | 8.4 | 52.2 | 10.4 | 28.6 | 8.8 | 2,776 | 346 | 3,256 |
| Mar | 7,815 | 36.0 | 32.8 | 14.5 | 16.7 | 16.2 | 8.1 | 53.7 | 10.1 | 27.4 | 8.8 | 2,910 | 374 | 3,553 |
| Apr | 7,626 | 32.7 | 32.8 | 16.7 | 17.8 | 16.9 | 9.3 | 52.7 | 11.2 | 28.0 | 8.2 | 3,012 | 365 | 3,037 |
| May | 8,487 | 38.2 | 29.1 | 14.4 | 18.3 | 16.6 | 8.3 | 50.7 | 10.3 | 29.1 | 9.8 | 3,096 | 369 | 2,667 |
| June | 8,499 | 31.4 | 34.8 | 15.4 | 18.4 | 17.5 | 10.0 | 51.7 | 9.9 | 29.6 | 8.9 | 3,126 | 389 | 3,108 |
| July | 8,784 | 32.3 | 32.2 | 16.4 | 19.1 | 17.1 | 9.7 | 50.2 | 9.8 | 30.8 | 9.2 | 3,233 | 406 | 3,005 |
| Aug | 9,376 | 34.2 | 29.8 | 16.5 | 19.5 | 17.4 | 9.2 | 51.9 | 10.7 | 28.5 | 8.8 | 3,429 | 440 | 3,181 |
| Sept | 9,477 | 30.0 | 32.1 | 16.8 | 21.1 | 18.4 | 10.2 | 54.3 | 10.2 | 26.8 | 8.6 | 3,581 | 475 | 3,154 |
| Oct | 10,080 | 30.3 | 29.6 | 17.8 | 22.3 | 19.7 | 10.6 | 56.6 | 9.3 | 25.9 | 8.2 | | 478 | |

¹ Beginning January 1994, job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.

² Includes State (50 States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands), ex-servicemen (UCX), and Federal (UCFE). Also includes Federal and State extended benefit programs. Does not include Railroad (RR) program, Federal supplemental compensation or Emergency Unemployment Compensation programs.

NOTE.—Data relate to persons age 16 years and over (except for insured unemployment and initial claims).

Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment and Training Administration).